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Enclosed are:

- 26 Pages of Specification and 1 Abstract
 8 Sheets of Drawings
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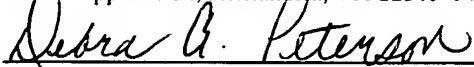
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